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Title:	Apparatus and Methods for	§	
	Laying of Elongate Articles	§	
	from a Vessel	§	
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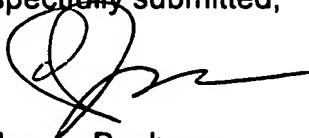
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Applicants wish to make of record in the above-referenced application the references listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the cited references are enclosed herewith.

Applicant also wishes to bring to the attention of the Office a paper entitled "Torch Offshore Innovative Approach to Deep Water Flowline Installation" which appears to describe basically the same apparatus as disclosed in U.S. Publication 2003/091395 listed on Form PTO 1449. However, there is additional material on page 3 of the paper which may be relevant to the present invention. Despite diligent efforts, Applicant/Assignee have been unable to determine if and when the paper was ever published. It has been in the possession of the Assignee since March of 2002. However, as noted above if and when the paper was ever published cannot be determined by Applicant/Assignee. The authors Messrs. Mermis and Lecarme were at one time employees of Assignee. In any event, the paper is being sent with the IDS and Applicant's respectfully requests that the Examiner solicit the Scientific and Technical Information Center in an attempt to determine when and

if the paper was published.

Respectfully submitted,



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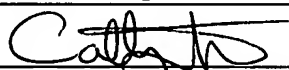
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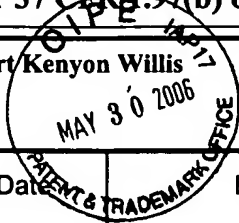


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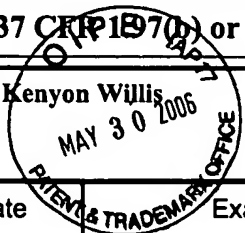
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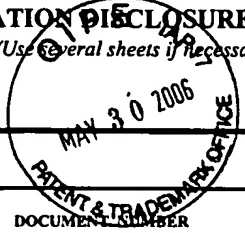
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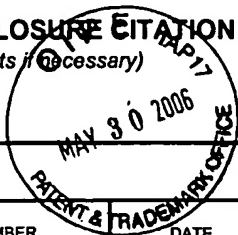
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